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SUBJECT : REVISED WHEAT PRODUCTION ESTIMATES

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1. SUMMARY: WHEAT PRODUCTION DURING THE 1978 CROP YEAR IS NOW PROJECTED TO BE BETWEEN 400,000 AND 450,000 TONS UP FROM THE 350,000 TONS REPORTED REFTEL. WHEAT ACREAGE IS ALSO GREATER THAN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. ENCOURAGED BY THESE FIGURES, THE BDG HAS INCREASED PROJECTIONS FOR FUTURE WHEAT PRODUCTION. HOWEVER FUTURE PRODUCTION TARGETS MAY NOT BE ACHIEVED IF THE BDG GOES AHEAD WITH RECENTLY INDICATED PLAN TO REDUCE WHEAT PROCUREMENT FROM 50,000 TO 10,000 TONS. END SUMMARY.

2. RECENT NEWS REPORTS HAVE SAID THAT WHEAT PRODUCTION WILL RISE TO 400,000 TONS DURING THE 1977-78 CROP YEAR, AND SOME BDG OFFICIALS SAY THAT AS MUCH AS 450,000 TONS COULD BE HARVESTED. TOTAL WHEAT ACREAGE IS NOW ESTIMATED AT ABOUT 500,000 ACRES, UP FROM THE 450,000 ACRES REPORTED REFTEL. THE APPARENT UNCLASSIFIED

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SUCCESS OF THIS YEAR'S CROP HAS GIVEN RISE TO MORE OPTIMISTIC PROJECTIONS FOR FUTURE WHEAT PRODUCTION. BY 1980 THE BDG ESTIMATES THAT WHEAT ACREAGE WILL REACH 750,000 ACRES AND PRODUCTION WILL EXCEED 500,000 TONS. EVENTUALLY THE BDG HOPES TO BRING THREE MILLION ACRES UNDER CULTIVATION AND RAISE ANNUAL PRODUCTION TO TWO MILLION TONS.

3. THE BDG WILL BEGIN PROCURING WHEAT MARCH 20 AT A PRICE OF TAKA 84 PER MAUND. ACCORDING TO THE NEW WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME FORECAST DATED MARCH 14, WHICH REFLECTS OFFICIAL BDG ESTIMATES, THE GOVERNMENT HAS REDUCED ITS WHEAT PROCUREMENT TARGET FROM 50,000 TONS TO 10,000 TONS. THIS MAY BE DUE TO BDG CONCERN OVER THE SIZE OF ITS BUDGET (VARIOUSLY ESTIMATED TO BE TAKA 100 CRORE OR TAKA 150 CRORE), ALTHOUGH THERE ARE INDICATIONS FROM OTHER SOURCES THAT BUDGET FUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ORIGINAL LEVEL OF PROCUREMENT AND MORE IF NEEDED. IN ANY EVENT, A REDUCED PROCUREMENT PROGRAM MAY ENDANGER AN ADEQUATE INCENTIVE PRICE FOR FARMERS WITH ADVERSE EFFECTS ON FUTURE PRODUCTION.
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